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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)

SIR:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004 for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of April 21, 2005 for which a three month response period, expiring on July 21, 2005, was set. The three-month extended period for response expires on October 21, 2005. Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee of \$510.00 and any other fee that may be required to deposit account number 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for charging purposes.

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